

INTRODUCTION

1. Review of 4th literary section, comprised of 7 visions: chpt 12-15:4. We come to another depiction of the end of the age - [Rv 14:14-20](#)

1st: Judgment as A Harvest

1. [Joel 3:13](#) harvest, sickle, wine press. Wheat & tares - [Mt 13:24-30; 36-43](#).
 - i. Barn or burning - [Mt 7:16-20](#)
 - ii. Branch joined to vine: Jesus [Jn 15] who is 1st fruit of res [Rv 14:4]
2. Harvest has 2 aspects: differentiate [Jdgmnt] & punish/reward [justice]
 - i. Salvation by grace alone thru faith alone in Christ alone. Jesus is our righteousness in Jdgmnt. But salvation is more than justification.
 - ii. If we are alive w/ living faith, we produce good works [Jm 2:17-26]. Our works = evidence of our having been saved - 2C5:10.
3. 2 phases: harvest the righteous then the wicked.

2nd: The People of Christ are Harvested - [v14-16](#)

1. v14 - *Son of Man on cloud* [Dan 7:13; Rv 5]. 2nd coming - [Mat 24:29-31](#); [Rv 1:7](#) [*pierced* - Zech 12:10 at cross] - Jesus returns in Jdgmnt. [Mat 26:64](#)
2. King - crown, enthroned [Rv 4:4,10] - Creator
3. *Sharp sickle* - large blade on short handle
4. v15 - Jesus returns w/ angels [Lk 12:8-9]. *Another angel from temple w/ message: time to harvest! The harvest of the earth is ripe: the wheat is ready.*
5. v16 - entire *earth* [2x] *was reaped: terse summary* [Mt 24:31].

3rd: The People of the Anti-Christ Are Harvested - [v17-20](#)

1. Believers are wheat *harvested*. Unbelievers are grapes *gathered* then crushed.
2. v17- *another angel from temple w/ sharp sickle*. Future events described as having already happened - certainty. v18 - begin gathering the grapes
 - i. *the one who has power over fire: Jdgmnt*. JnB - seen in response to gospel
 - a. Parable - [Lk 12:49-52](#)
 - b. Xn suffering already evidences FJ [2Th 1:5-10 - v7]. [2Pt 3:7]
 - ii. *came out from altar: [6:9-11](#) execution of jdgmnt - [8:2-4](#), [5](#); 9:13; [16:4-7](#)*
 - iii. Time to *gather clusters... b/c her grapes are ripe*.
3. v19 - sickle *to the earth* [3x]. 2 aspects of 1 general, global harvest. Grapes *thrown into great wine press of wrath of God*.
 - i. Grape harvest - celebration [Ps 104:15]
 - ii. Here, grape juice = blood under feet of Lord - [Isa 63:1-6](#) [Hab 3]
4. v20 *winepress trodden outside city* - 11:2 feet of enemies *trod* holy city; area not measured. Lex Talionis: now the trodders are trod. Here is where *wine of wrath* [v10] is made; *outside the city*, that is, New Jerusalem: [Rv 22:15].
5. Visual symbol: a river of blood - *1,600 stadia*. 4x4x10x10 - 4 [global]; 10 [sovereign purpose]. 4² x 10². Entire earth is judged.

Applic #1: Your Life Will Be Harvested and You Will Come to Judgment.

1. [1C 15:22-24](#) Jesus is 1st fruit of resurrection harvest [Jn 5:26-29].
2. If you profess Christ - is your life bearing harvestable fruit?
3. If you are not professing faith in Christ - are you ready to stand before you Maker to have your life harvested for judgment?
4. Only Christ can take us safely thru Jdgmnt into the unspeakable joy of glory.